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FOR AMBASSADOR AND DATT

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, MASS, LE, US

SUBJECT: LEBANESE EMBASSY REQUEST FOR FMS EQUIPMENT

1. DOD (DSAA) HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER, DATED MARCH 30, FROM LEBANESE ARMED FORCES ATTACHE BRIG MERHEJ KHOURY:
TEXT: DEAR SIR: PURSUANT TO OUR LETTER OF APRIL 8, 1976, REFERENCE 137, REQUESTING SHIPMENTS OF MATERIEL BE STOPPED, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT GREATLY IF YOU COULD RESUME SHIPMENT OF PARTS PERTAINING ONLY TO FMS CASE DA LEBANON UIE RPT UIE, TO OUR FREIGHT FORWARDER: SECURITY STORAGE CO. OF WASHINGTON, 621 N. PAYNE ST., ALEXANDRIA, VA. 22314. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND BEST REGARDS. END TEXT. COPY OF LETTER BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY.

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2. REFERENCED CASE UIE INCLUDES FOLLOWING ITEMS OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT:

155 SB-22-A-PT SWITCHBOARDS
50 AN/GRC-106 RADIOS
100 AN/GRR-5 RADIOS
400 AN/GRC-160 RADIOS

MISC. MOUNTING AND INSTALLATION KITS, SUPPORTS, ETC. FOR
RADIOS;BATTERIES.

3. LETTER OF APRIL 8, 1976 TO WHICH KHOURY REFERS REQUEST-
ED USG TO CEASE SHIPMENT OF FMS MATERIEL TO LEBANON IN VIEW
OF DETERIORATING SITUATION THERE. USG DECISION TO CEASE
SUCH SHIPMENTS TAKEN UNILATERALLY PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF
KHOURY'S REQUEST BUT HE APPARENTLY UNDER IMPRESSION HE WAS
INSTRUMENTAL IN EFFECTING CESSATION.

4. IF SARKIS, AS WE HOPE, IS ABLE TO RECONSTITUTE LEBANESE
ARMY UNDER GEN. VICTOR KHOURI, WE WOULD PROBABLY WISH TO
BE IN POSITION TO ASSIST AND SUPPORT THIS FORCE ONCE IT
MATERIALIZES. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OF THE KIND IN-
CLUDED IN CASE UIE WOULD BE NEEDED IN EQUIPPING A REVIVED
LEBANESE ARMY AND WOULD CAUSE US LESS CONCERN IN RESUMING
SHIPMENTS THAN MORE LETHAL MATERIEL, ABOUT WHICH WE WOULD
HAVE TO CONSIDER OUR DECISIONS VERY CAREFULLY UNDER ANY
CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. AS PART OF REVIEW PROCESS ON WHICH DEPT. AND DOD WILL
BE EMBARKING RE FMS RELATIONSHIP WITH LEBANON, WE WOULD
APPRECIATE RECEIVING GENERAL VIEWS OF EMBASSY AS WELL AS
COMMENTS ADDRESSED TO CASE UIE SPECIFICALLY. WE WILL WANT
TO BE CONVINCED THAT RECONSTITUTION OF ARMY STANDS REASON-
ABLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS BEFORE REACHING DECISION ON THIS
CASE AND, ONCE A DECISION IN PRINCIPLE TO RESUME SHIPMENTS
IS MADE, WILL WANT YOU TO CHECK LEBANESE EMBASSY REQUEST
WITH GEN. VICTOR KHOURI. IN VIEW OF PAST DISINTEGRATION
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OF LEBANESE ARMY, WE MUST BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT
COMMAND RESPONSIVE TO SARKIS HAS SOUGHT AND WILL RECEIVE
ANY FUTURE FMS SHIPMENTS.

6. YOU SHOULD NOT APPROACH GOL AUTHORITIES RE THIS
SUBJECT AT THIS TIME. AFTER WE HAVE RECEIVED AND CON-
SIDERED YOUR VIEWS, WE WILL BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY.

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